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(Winchester Star)

If the Department of Commerce is to be believed the old quib about the rich getting richer and the poor poorer has no standing in fact when applied geographically in the United States.

What has happened, on the contrary, is a redistribution of wealth under which the less prosperous regions of the country are rapidly catching up with those which have been traditionally prosperous.

According to the survey made by the department and now described under the title "Regional Trends in the United States Economy," the equilibration process applies not only to population but to business activity and personal incomes.

Areas with small capital investment are moving ahead much faster than heavily capitalized areas. Per capita income tax payments in the poorer regions show a much greater increase than payments in regions which always have been regarded as wealthy.

No section of the country is standing still; it is only that a leveling-out force is at work.

HINT OF FAILURE IN EUROPE

(Washington Evening Star)

The reports, apparently officially inspired that General Eisenhower has come home to plead for a change of emphasis in the West European rearmament program add up to the disturbing suggestion that the NATO project has been a failure.

This so-called change of emphasis, according to the reports, looks toward the creation by next summer of a small but battle-worthy force of perhaps 20 divisions. Once this has been done, it is said, the work of building the projected larger force of possible 60 divisions can be resumed.

There is nothing reassuring in this. It is true that progress in arms deliveries from the United States has been disappointing. It is also true, although it certainly comes as no surprise, that the Western European countries, suffering from inflation and political instability are finding it difficult to meet their NATO commitments. But there is little prospect that the inflationary problems of these countries will have been eased by next summer, and still less prospect that the political situation will have improved. If they cannot, or will not, meet their commitments now, there is little reason to suppose that they will be better able or more willing to meet them six or eight months from now.

A force of 20 battle-worthy divisions, while it would be useful, would not be adequate for the defense of Western Europe against a Russian attack. It could fight a delaying action, but, barring some miracle of new weapons, it could not stop an aggressor. An aggressor could be stopped, not merely delayed, a 20-division force would be little better than no force.

Certainly General Eisenhower has not favored, and in all probability does not now favor, any compromise of the NATO plan which would undermine the effective defense of Europe. It is possible, however, that circumstances beyond his control, such as the failure of some of our NATO partners to meet their commitments, has forced an abandonment or a modification of the original plan.

If that is the case, the cards should be put on the table. It has been understood from the beginning of course, that the NATO undertaking was a gamble, and that it might not pay off despite the best efforts of all concerned. But the American investment in Western Europe was made in the belief that there was a reasonable prospect of success. If that is not now the case, if political, economic or other factors, make it, unlikely that the goal of a defensible Europe can be attained by 1954, the American people should be told the facts. They should not be asked to continue to pour American resources into Europe if, in General Eisenhower's judgment, the outlook now is for failure rather than success.

IS BASEBALL THE DEADLIEST SPORT?

(From The Scientific American)

What is the most dangerous competitive sport? Most people would probably nominate boxing and football, in that order. Now comes a statistical study which purports to show that the most dangerous sport is neither of these but our supposedly innocuous national game—baseball. Thomas A. Gonzales of the New York City chief medical examiner's office asserts that in that city at least baseball is the deadliest game, according to the cold records.

Dr. Gonzales compiled a box score of fatal injuries in sports during the 32 year period between 1918 and 1950. He found that baseball caused as many deaths as football and boxing combined. The score: Baseball 43, football 22, boxing 21, basketball 7, handball 3, soccer 2, wrestling 2, cricket 1, golf 1, polo 1, track 1. Strangely missing was the notoriously murderous game of lacrosse.

(Dr. Gonzales excluded non-competitive sports such as mountain climbing, skiing, swimming, hunting and fishing.)

The New York physician feels that boxing has an undeserved bad name, noting that it had produced fewer deaths in proportion to the number of participants than baseball or fotball.

Baseball seems to be reasonably safe for professionals; in the 32 years only one professional ballplayer was killed in New York. But for the amateurs it is somewhat hazardous. Most of the deaths were caused by a thrown or hit ball; 25 of the 43 fatalities were due to a fractured skull.

University of Maryland expects to receive bowl invitation.

Michigan State is rated as the top football team in press poll.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 16-23.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Deuteronomy 6:16-23.

All Men Need Laws

Lesson for November 18, 1951

WHY do we need so many laws? Why can't we trust people to follow their conscience? There are two reasons why we can't do that: Some people won't follow their consciences, and some other people have crooked, inaccurate and dull consciences, — if they did follow them they would be wrong most of the time. Why can't we have just the Law of Love? Love is important, to be sure, but "love" by itself doesn't tell us what to do in any concrete case. And besides, too many people have no love to speak of.

Dr. Foreman

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Are Bible Laws Out of Date?

WELL then, can't we get along with the Ten Commandments? They cover everything, don't they?

They do, to be sure; but only in a very general way. What we need is something that gets down to cases. Surely, you might think, the ancient Israelites could have gone along pretty well without laws. But God wanted them to have laws. They could not be a nation without them.

In Exodus 21-23 we have a simple code which is the earliest known group of laws applying the Ten Commandments to actual conditions and situations of living. Christians are not altogether agreed about whether the laws in Ex. 21-23 (and elsewhere in the Old Testament) apply to us today.

The majority of Christians look at it like this: The Ten Commandments, as great sign posts and standards, are everlastingly in force; the other laws (as those in Ex. 21-23) were meant for that particular nation. When that nation disappeared, the laws went with it, just as (for example) the laws of Rome perished with the Roman Empire.

Getting Down to Cases

HOWEVER, while these laws were not directly intended for us, and are not all usable by us, they are well worth our study, because they are examples of how the great basic principles of the Ten Commandments were once applied in practical living and they give us valuable hints on the way to apply the Ten Commandments in our own times.

One illustration of this point can be seen in Ex. 21:26-36, the Law of the Goring Ox. The Commandment reads simply: Thou shalt not kill. But what if the killing was done not by a man but by his ox?

The law goes into the question of responsibility in an interesting way. Not many readers of these lines own oxen,—more likely tractors or station wagons! But the principle of responsibility for damage, the principle of criminal negligence, is as good today as it was in 1200 B.C.

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"Right" Isn't a Sum

SOME of these laws, indeed, could be taken literally today. For instance, take Exodus 23:2, first part of the verse. This says pretty clearly something that millions of people to this day don't understand. It means this: The number of people who say a thing is right, or is wrong, has nothing whatever to do with the question, IS it right or wrong?

Most young people, at least, have the notion that if "everybody does it" it must be right. Not at all. The Judge of all the earth is God, not a majority vote. A thing can be made legal by a majority vote in a legislature, parliament or the like. But not all the congressmen from Maine to California can make a thing right just by saying so.

Yet how many people in our time settle the liquor question (for example) by looking, so to speak, at the score board! A majority of our lawmakers voted to make the sale of liquor legal; so "it must be right." "Everybody I know" says it's all right, so "it must be right."

Every once in a while it dawns on some smart person that the right and wrong of the liquor question can't be settled, for a Christian, by a simple counting of votes..for and against.

The number of cocktail parties in New York, Washington or Denver doesn't settle the question. It has to be studied from a Christian point of view, and the big question is not: How many people do it? But, is it right for those who are their "brothers' keepers"? Is it right for those whose bodies are to be temples for the Holy Spirit?

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SCHOOLS FOR FERTILIZER INDUSTRY ARE PLANNED

Schools for representatives of the fertilizer industry in Virginia have been scheduled by the Agricultural Extension Service at V. P. I., for November 27 in Richmond and November 30 in Marion.

Commissioner of Agriculture Parke C. Brinkley will speak at events on "What Good Farming, Doing and Can Do for the Farmers."

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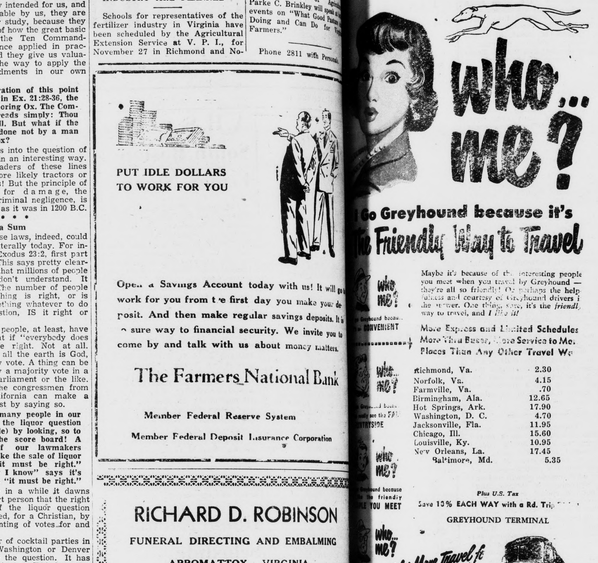

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GREYHOUND TERMINAL

Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 13.- I hope every one en oyed the holiday yesterday, which was November 12.

The Bethel members all want to thank each and every one that aided in making their supper a success on last Saturday night at the Stonewall school.

Rev. Wingfield, the new pastor, preached his first sermon at Bethel Church Sunday morning, which was a splendid one. He, with Mrs. Wingfield and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler spent part of last week in Richmond attending the Southern States meeting. They also visited realtives on their way ho e.

The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. E.M. Stratton last Thursday, with a full attendance.

The Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Hughes and children spent last week in Norfolk and Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and family, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gibson and daughter, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jennings.

Little Donald Lee Drinkard spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Drinkard. He is attending school in Staunton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and family and Miss Nadine Burnette, of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore, over the weekend.

Mrs. W. T. Younger and son, Joe, and his children visited Mrs. Jimmie Herndon on Sunday evening. They also visited her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings attended the funeral of W. J. Covington at New Hope Baptist Church Saturday afternoon.

All the children of Clarence Drinkard gathered at his home Sunday to help celebrate his birthday, which was on November 10. We wish him many more happy birthdays to come.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Pamplin

Pamplin, November 13.- Lt. Ruby Welkes, of Washington, D. C. spent last Friday in the home of his sister, Mrs. Austin Goode.

Misses Mattie and Wilsie Thornton are visiting friends and relatives in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. Linford Cumby and daughter, Jean spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. David, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Watson, of Chatham and Mrs. Horton Miller Southall, of Lynchburg were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Southall.

Mrs. R. C. Hughes returned from Baltimore General Hospital last week, accompanied by her daughters, Miss Della Hughes, of Baltimore and Miss Martha Hughes, of Duke, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wood and children visited in Farmville and Worsham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Mann spent Monday in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Walker Martin, of Virginia Beach spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Farrar.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Wayne, of Farmville spent Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davis.

Braxton Dickerson, of Portsmouth spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson.

Mrs. Short is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Payne.

Miss Mildred Slayton, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton.

A. J. Ponton, of Newport News was a week-end visitor in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Nov. 13.- Mrs. C. J. Ferguson is patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Edgar Pyles and Mrs. Maude Harvey, of Detroit, Mich., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young last week.

Mrs. R. H. Bruce and girls, Bonnie and Emile were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mrs. S. J. Jennings is spending some time in the home of her son, Daniel Jennings, and Mrs. Jennings, in Christiansburg.

Mrs. W. E. Warriner spent Monday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar.

J. R. Conner, of Lynchburg spent Saturday at his home here.

Mrs. A. A. LeGrand and girls spent a few days last week in Richmond in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Price.

Mrs. R. E. Harris and son, Jimmy spent the week-end in Roanoke in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette and Mrs. R. H. Bruce and girls called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ferguson Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples visited in the home of Mrs. Edgar Doss at Sherwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cyrus and Mrs. Jim Sweeney were the supper guests Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett.

Linda Paulette is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson and son, Julian spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

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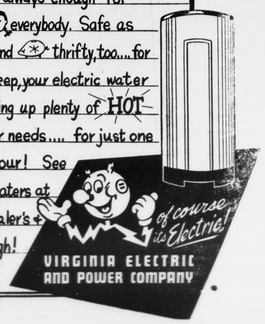

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